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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116 TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED MAY 28, 2004

Dear Examiner Allen:

This is in response to the Final Office Action mailed May 28, 2004. Please consider this paper under 37 U.S.C. § 1.116. It is believed that no fees are required.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in light of the following amendments and remarks submitted under the Revised Amendment format 37 C.F.R. §1.121:

- (1) Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper;
- (2) Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper; and
 - (3) Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.